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REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The application is to be amended as previously set forth. Responsive to the restriction requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 13-19, 30, and 31) drawn to an antibody, fragment thereof and composition, classified in Class 530, subclass 387.1 and Class 424, subclass 130.1. Applicant has amended claim 2 of Group II such that the claims of Group II (i.e., claims 1, 2, 8, and 20-29) are believed to be included in Group I. Claim 2, as amended, is directed to the antibody, or fragment thereof, of claim 1. Dependent claims 8 and 20-29 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 2. This election is made without prejudice to pursue the remaining claims in a related application.

Claim 32 is to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as being drawn to a non-elected invention. All amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer.

Species Election

The application was also subjected to a species election. Applicants submit that claim 1 is generic to all the species. Upon the allowance of generic claim 1, the claims to the species should be allowable. (*See*, 37 C.F.R. § 1.141). Responsive to the species election, applicants provisionally elect the following species, without traverse: Group I, (A) antibody F(ab), Group I, an enzyme, Group I, (A) a pathogenic micro-organism, and Group I, Porphyromonas gingivalis.

Reconsideration and substantive examination of the application is requested.

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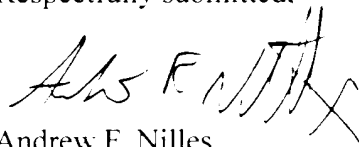
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CONCLUSION

If questions exist after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact the applicants' representative at the address or telephone number below.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:

2. (Amended) The antibody, or fragment thereof, of claim 1, [further comprising] characterized in that the antibody, or fragment thereof, binds to a diagnostically, therapeutically or cosmetically active substance [conjugated thereto].

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